**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF KYRGYZSTAN AT THE 35TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 20 JANUARY 2020**

Singapore welcomes the delegation and acknowledges Kyrgyzstan’s efforts since its last review to promote the rights of its people, including through the ongoing implementation of its Human Rights Action Plan (2019-2021).

Singapore commends Kyrgyzstan’s efforts to address the specific needs of persons with disabilities and to enable their active participation in all spheres of life. In particular, we commend Kyrgyzstan’s ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in March 2019, and the transition in disabilities-related policies from a medical model to a social model. Singapore **recommends** that the Government work towards fully incorporating the provisions of the CRPD into domestic law and policy, as appropriate, and in consultation with persons with disabilities themselves and other relevant stakeholders.

Singapore also commends Kyrgyzstan’s commitment to enhance the rights of women and girls. This includes the adoption of a National Strategy and a second National Action Plan for Achieving Gender Equality, as well as the law on the Prevention and Protection against Family Violence and the new Code of administrative responsibility, which tightens the responsibility for committing domestic violence and failure to fulfil the conditions of a protection order. Singapore **recommends** that the Government consider developing campaigns to raise awareness of violence against women among the most affected communities, including by working with relevant UN entities such as the OHCHR and UNWomen, as appropriate, to educate them of their rights and available remedies.

Singapore wishes Kyrgyzstan every success in its efforts to achieve its development goals and to build a more inclusive society for its people.

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